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APPLICATION ELEMENTS

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1. ☒ Specification [Total Pages 21]
2. ☒ Drawing(s) (35USC 113) [Total Pages 5]
3. ☒ Declaration and Power of Attorney [Total Pages 2]

a. ☐ Newly executed declaration (Original copy)

b. ☐ Copy from prior application (37CFR 1.63(d))
(for continuation/divisional with Box 14 completed)

- i. ☐ [Note Box 4 Below]
DELETION OF INVENTOR(S)
Signed statement attached deleting
Inventor(s) named in the prior application,
see 37 CFR 1.63(d)(2) and 1.33(b).

4. ☐ Incorporation By Reference (usable if Box 3b is checked)
The entire disclosure of the prior application, from which a
copy of the oath or declaration is supplied under Box 3b,
is considered as being part of the disclosure of the
accompanying application and is hereby incorporated by
reference therein.

ACCOMPANYING APPLICATION PARTS

5. ☐ Assignment Papers (cover sheet & documentation)
6. ☒ Letter under 37 CFR 1.41(c).
7. ☐ English Translation Document (if applicable)
8. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)/PTO-1449 ☐ Copies of IDS Citations
9. ☐ Preliminary Amendment
10. ☒ Return Receipt Postcard (MPEP 503)
(Should be specifically itemized)
11. ☐ Small Entity ☐ Statement filed in prior application,
Statement(s) Status still proper and desired
12. ☐ Certified Copy of Priority Document(s) German
Application No. 199 11 713.6 filed March 16, 1999
13. ☐ Other:

14. If a CONTINUING APPLICATION, check appropriate box and supply the requisite information:

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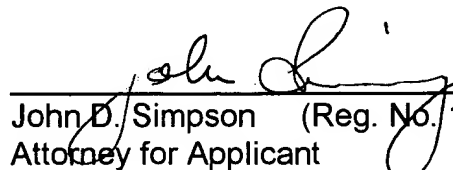
Re: Proposed Patent Application for HARALD BERGER, MARKUS JABS,
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METHOD FOR PARALLEL CONNECTION OF SUBSCRIBER TERMINAL
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SIR:

Under the provisions of 37 CFR § 1.41 (c), I am filing the attached application with 9 claims, 5 sheets of informal drawings and filing fee on behalf of HARALD BERGER, MARKUS JABS and GERHARD SCHARFEN and request that the application papers be assigned a serial number and filing date.

I request that the application be assigned a Serial No. and Filing Date pursuant to the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(b) and 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(f).

Respectfully submitted,



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